

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A stamper module for optical disk replicating equipment~~ A data recording disk replicating stamper assembly, comprising:

a first platen configured for attaching a stamper and a second platen configured for attaching a disk to be stamped; and

means for dynamically orienting the first platen and second platen into parallel during stamping of the disk.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A stamper module for optical disk replicating equipment~~ A data recording disk replicating assembly, comprising:

a first platen;

a second platen; and

a ball joint swivably connected with the first platen such that the ball joint swivels to orient the first platen parallel with the second platen during a stamping operation.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 2, wherein the first platen is configured for attaching a stamper.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 2, wherein the second platen is configured for attaching a disk.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 2, further comprising:

a pressure train configured to move the first and second platens toward each other during stamping operation.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 7, wherein the pressure train is configured to produce stamping pressure between 5-15Mpa during the stamping operation.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A stamper module for optical disk replicating equipment~~ A data recording disk replicating stamper assembly, comprising:

a first platen having a first surface;

a second platen having a second surface, the first and second surfaces arranged opposed to one another;

a ball joint connected with the first platen at a portion opposite the first surface;

a pressure train configured to bring the first and second surfaces towards one another during a stamping operation; and

wherein the ball joint swivels during a stamping operation to orient the first and second surfaces parallel to one another.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the first platen is configured for attaching a stamper.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the second platen is configured for attaching a disk.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the pressure train is configured to produce a pressure between 5 - 15 Mpa during a stamping operation.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the pressure train is configured to move the second platen toward a stationary first platen.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the disk replicating equipment is configured to replicate disks formatted in one of DVD, CD-ROM, ISO-9660, CD-DA, CD-I and CD-V.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim [[9]] 18, wherein a tension setting of the ball joint permits the swiveling to occur prior to completion of the stamping operation.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~stamper module~~ assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the ball joint is centrally located with respect to the first platen.

21. (New) A stamper module for data recording disk replicating equipment, comprising:

a first platen having a first surface;

a second platen having a second surface, the first and second surfaces arranged opposed to one another;

a ball joint connected with the first platen at a portion opposite the first surface;

a pressure train configured to bring the first and second surfaces towards one another during a stamping operation;

wherein the ball joint swivels during a stamping operation to orient the first and second surfaces parallel to one another; and

wherein the ball joint comprises a ball having a radius of approximately 20 inches.

22. (New) A stamper module for data recording disk replicating equipment, comprising:

a first platen having a first surface;

a second platen having a second surface, the first and second surfaces arranged opposed to one another;

a ball joint connected with the first platen at a portion opposite the first surface;  
a pressure train configured to bring the first and second surfaces towards one another during a stamping operation;  
wherein the ball joint swivels during a stamping operation to orient the first and second surfaces parallel to one another; and  
wherein the ball joint includes an adjustable tension setting.

23. (New) A data recording disk replicating assembly, comprising:

a first platen to which a stamper is attachable;  
a second platen for holding a data recording disk with a coating to be stamped;  
and

a ball joint swivably connected with the first platen such that the ball joint swivels to orient the first platen parallel with the second platen during a stamping operation, the ball joint having a resistance such that the first platen pivots after the stamper contacts the disk and before the stamper substantially affects the disk coating.